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In re Application of:)
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Michael S. Banik, et al.) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Application No.: 10/024,261) Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: December 21, 2001)
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For: STENTS, STENTING SYSTEMS,)
AND RELATED METHODS FOR)
AGENT DELIVERY)

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine

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the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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